

Summer Ranger Programs

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Stars Over Yellowstone

Weather permitting; enjoy programs about astronomy offered in cooperation with the Museum of the Rockies with assistance from the Southwest Montana Astronomical Society. Find constellations, hear star stories, and view celestial objects through telescopes.

Night Sky Observing Madison Information Station Parking Lot

10:30 PM Fridays and Saturdays: June 19 & 20 and July 17 & 18.

Find the Milky Way, Saturn, craters on the Moon, the center of the Galaxy, star clusters, and nebula. Telescopes available. Bring a flashlight.

Safe Solar Observing Old Faithful Visitor Education Center area

2–5 PM Saturdays: June 20 and July 18.

Safely view the sun through telescopes. Great for the whole family.



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Teachers can bring a group to Yellowstone (with at least three weeks prior notice), have a ranger visit a school in the area, or schedule a video conference with students anywhere. Details at www.nps.gov/yell/forteachers

Strive for gold at Wildlife Olympics

Test your skills and compare your abilities to animals in Yellowstone. How far can you jump? How well can you see and smell? Take part in Yellowstone Wildlife Olympics on scheduled Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays between noon and 3 PM. Stay for as little or as long as your plans allow.

Old Faithful (Tuesdays from 12–3 PM)

Near Old Faithful Visitor Education Center
June 9, 16, 23, 30 • July 7, 14, 21, 28 • August 4, 11, 18, 25

Canyon Village (Thursdays from 12–3 PM)

Near Canyon Visitor Education Center
June 11, 18, 25 • July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • August 6, 13, 20, 27

Mammoth Hot Springs (Saturdays from 12–3 PM)

Near Albright Visitor Center
June 13, 20, 27 • July 4, 11, 18, 25 • August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



Evening programs about astronomy • Madison Amphitheater

Fri. June 19, 9:30 PM • Cosmic update 2015

What's up, what's new, and what's hot in the big wide universe and exploration of it. Presented by Dr. Jim Manning, Executive Director, The Astronomical Society of the Pacific.



Sat. June 20, 9:30 PM • Other Worlds, Other Yellowstones

A current look at the search for other worlds, and how environments like Yellowstone's could provide havens for life. Presented by Dr. Jim Manning.

Fri. July 17, 9:30 PM • Life in the Universe

Explore the Solar System through the eyes of an astronaut. Learn about the search for new life and how Montana scientists are contributing to this search. Presented by Dr. Jim Manning.

Sat. July 18, 9:30 PM • Mission to Mars

Why is it important to visit Mars? Does Mars have water? Did life once exist on Mars and does it now? To answer these questions, NASA has sent satellites and rovers to Mars, and one day maybe people will visit! Learn what it takes for these difficult missions to succeed. Presented by Dr. Jim Manning.



Stay on designated trails and boardwalks. Ground in hydrothermal areas is fragile and thin, and there is scalding water just below. Visitors have fallen through and died here. Keep your children close at hand.



Keep your distance. You must stay at least 100 yards (91 m) from bears and wolves. A distance of 25 yards (23 m) is required from bison, elk, and other animals. Regardless of distance, if any wild animal changes its behavior due to your presence, you are too close.



As you enjoy trails, be bear aware. You are safer hiking in groups of three or more. Make yourself heard in areas where you can't see far around you. Do not run from a bear under any circumstance. Carry bear spray and know how to use it safely.

Canyon Village

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lupine Loop Walk (June 21 to September 7) Walk with a ranger along the upper Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River, then along an established trail through meadows and forest, finally looping back to the parking area. Explore the geology and natural history of the canyon area, while enjoying a bit of its backcountry. Meet at Uncle Tom’s Point parking lot on the South Rim Drive (road to Artist Point) for this moderate walk of approximately 3 miles. 2 hours.	9 AM 6/21–9/6	9 AM 6/22–9/7	9 AM 6/23–9/1	9 AM 6/24–9/2	9 AM 6/25–9/3	9 AM 6/26–9/4	9 AM 6/27–9/5
Morning Rim Walk (May 31 to June 20*) The quiet of the morning is a special time along the rim of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Take a walk with a ranger and enjoy the morning light on the walls of the canyon and roar of Upper and Lower Falls. Meet at Uncle Tom’s Point parking lot on the South Rim Drive (road to Artist Point) for this easy walk of approximately 1 mile. 1½ hours. *This program ends June 20th.	10 AM 5/31–6/14	10 AM 6/1–6/15	10 AM 6/2–6/16	10 AM 6/3–6/17	10 AM 6/4–6/18	10 AM 6/5–6/19	10 AM 6/6–6/20
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 23 to September 7) Whether you’re hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from the road, this quick workshop is for you and your family. Park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet in front of the Canyon Visitor Education Center. Accessible. 15 minutes.	10 AM 2 PM 5/24–9/6	10 AM 2 PM 5/25–9/7	10 AM 2 PM 5/26–9/1	10 AM 2 PM 5/27–9/2	10 AM 2 PM 5/28–9/3	10 AM 2 PM 5/29–9/4	10 AM 2 PM 5/23–9/5
Canyon Talks at Artist Point (May 23 to September 7) Enjoy the Lower Falls, the Yellowstone River, and the spectacular colors of the canyon from a classic viewpoint, while learning about the area’s natural and human history. Discover why artists and photographers continue to be drawn to this special place. Join a ranger on the lower platform at Artist Point on the South Rim Drive for this short talk. *11 AM talk designed for families with children of Junior Ranger age. Accessible. 20–30 minutes.	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 5/24–9/6	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 5/25–9/7	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 5/26–9/1	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 5/27–9/2	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 5/28–9/3	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 5/29–9/4	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 5/23–9/5
Wildlife Olympics for Kids (June 11 to August 27) Test your skills and compare your abilities to animals in Yellowstone. How far can you jump? How well can you see and smell? Take part anytime between noon and 3 PM near the Canyon Visitor Education Center. Stay for as little or as long as your plans allow.					12 PM to 3 PM 6/11–8/27		
Walking the Edge (May 31 to September 7) Explore the ecology, geology, and history of the canyon while walking with a ranger along the South Rim Trail. Enjoy stunning views of the Yellowstone River, Upper and Lower Falls, and the gorgeous colors of the canyon walls. Meet at Uncle Tom’s Point parking lot on the South Rim Drive (road to Artist Point) for this easy walk of approximately 1 mile. 1½ hours.	3 PM 5/31–9/6	3 PM 6/1–9/7	3 PM 6/2–9/1	3 PM 6/3–9/2	3 PM 6/4–9/3	3 PM 6/5–9/4	3 PM 6/6–9/5
Yellowstone for the Young (June 6 to August 15) Discover the wonderful geology, history, or wildlife of Yellowstone. Join a ranger for an interactive program designed for families with children of Junior Ranger age (5 to 12 years old). Meet in front of the Canyon Visitor Education Center. Accessible. 20 minutes.	3 PM 6/7–8/9	3 PM 6/8–8/10	3 PM 6/9–8/11	3 PM 6/10–8/12	3 PM 6/11–8/13	3 PM 6/12–8/14	3 PM 6/6–8/15
Canyon Evening Program (June 7 to September 7) Join a ranger for an illustrated program and learn more about some aspect of Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history. Inquire at Canyon Visitor Education Center or look on local bulletin boards for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Canyon Campground Amphitheater. Accessible. 45 minutes.	9:30 PM 6/7–7/19 9 PM 7/26–9/6	9:30 PM 6/8–7/20 9 PM 7/27–9/7	9:30 PM 6/9–7/21 9 PM 7/28–9/1	9:30 PM 6/10–7/22 9 PM 7/29–9/2	9:30 PM 6/11–7/23 9 PM 7/30–9/3	9:30 PM 6/12–7/24 9 PM 7/31–9/4	9:30 PM 6/13–7/25 9 PM 8/1–9/5

Canyon Visitor Education Center

4/17–5/22 9 AM–5 PM
5/23–9/7 8 AM–8 PM
9/8–9/30 8 AM–6 PM
10/1–10/12 9 AM–5 PM

Call 307-344-2550



Call 307–344–2251 three weeks ahead to arrange for a sign language interpreter at ranger programs. TTY 307-344-2386



Look for this symbol in descriptions for ranger programs that are wheelchair accessible.

Fishing Bridge and Lake Village

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lake Scenic Cruise (June 15 to September 13) Join a park ranger for a narrated boat tour on the ethereal water of Yellowstone Lake, with views of the wondrous Absaroka Mountains, historic Lake Hotel & Village, and surrounding lodgepole pine forest. Reservations required in advance through Xanterra Parks and Resorts. Call 307-344-7311 or stop by the Bridge Bay Marina (\$15 <i>plus tax for adults, \$10 plus tax for kids ages 3–11, free for kids under 3</i>) Additional tours with Xanterra guides also available throughout the day. Accessible. 1 hour	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/21–9/13	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/15–9/7	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/16–9/8	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/17–9/9	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/18–9/10	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/19–9/11	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/20– 9/12
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 23 to September 7) Whether you’re hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family. In this interactive demonstration, park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet a park ranger at the Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center. Accessible. 20 minutes.	9:30 AM 2 PM 5/24–9/6	9:30 AM 2 PM 5/25–9/7	9:30 AM 2 PM 5/26–9/1	9:30 AM 2 PM 5/27–9/2	9:30 AM 2 PM 5/28–9/3	9:30 AM 2 PM 5/29–9/4	9:30 AM 2 PM 5/23–9/5
Mud Volcano Ramble (May 23 to September 7) “The greatest marvel we have yet met with,” declared early explorers. View colorful, vociferous, and intriguing mudpots and hot springs, and find out what they reveal about Yellowstone’s explosive past and future. Moderately strenuous. Meet at the Mud Volcano parking area. 1½ hours.	10 AM 5/24–9/6	10 AM 5/25–9/7	10 AM 5/26–9/1	10 AM 5/27–9/2	10 AM 5/28–9/3	10 AM 5/29–9/4	10 AM 5/23–9/5
Featured Creature (May 23 to September 7) Enthralling and diverse wild animals are revealed in Yellowstone. Unveil the story of animal populations and species found few other places in North America. Meet at the Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center. Accessible. 30 minutes.	3 PM 5/24–9/6	3 PM 5/25–9/7	3 PM 5/26–9/1	3 PM 5/27–9/2	3 PM 5/28–9/3	3 PM 5/29–9/4	3 PM 5/23–9/5
Storm Point Saunter (May 31 to September 7) Wander along the ever–changing lakeshore and through a diversity of landscapes, including a lush meadow dotted with wildflowers and an ancient forest of spruce, pine, and fir. Experience Yellowstone in its true splendor. Meet at Indian Pond and the Storm Point trailhead , 3 miles east of Fishing Bridge. Easy 2.3 mile hike. 2½ hours.	4 PM 5/31–9/6	4 PM 6/1–9/7	4 PM 6/2–9/1	4 PM 6/3–9/2	4 PM 6/4–9/3	4 PM 6/5–9/4	4 PM 6/6–9/5
Family Program (May 31 to September 7) Program especially for families with young children. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center or look on local bulletin boards for the night’s subject. Meet at Bridge Bay Campground Amphitheater. Accessible. 30 minutes.	5 PM 5/31–9/6	5 PM 6/1–9/7	5 PM 6/2–9/1	5 PM 6/3–9/2	5 PM 6/4–9/3	5 PM 6/5–9/4	5 PM 6/6–9/5
River Reflections (May 23 to September 7) From a picturesque spot along the Yellowstone River, explore Fishing Bridge area history and one of the most important cogs in the motor of the Yellowstone ecosystem: the rare, mysterious, wily, polka–dotted, and beautiful cutthroat trout. Meet on the west side of the Fishing Bridge. 20 minutes.	6 PM 5/24–9/6	6 PM 5/25–9/7	6 PM 5/26–9/1	6 PM 5/27–9/2	6 PM 5/28–9/3	6 PM 5/29–9/4	6 PM 5/23–9/5
Fishing Bridge Evening Program (May 31 to September 7) Learn more about Yellowstone at this illustrated program. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center or look on local bulletin boards for program titles and descriptions. Meet at Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center Amphitheater. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Accessible. 45 minutes.	9:30 PM 5/31–7/19 9 PM 7/26–9/6	9:30 PM 6/1–7/20 9 PM 7/27–9/7	9:30 PM 6/2–7/21 9 PM 7/28–9/1	9:30 PM 6/3–7/22 9 PM 7/29–9/2	9:30 PM 6/4–7/23 9 PM 7/30–9/3	9:30 PM 6/5–7/24 9 PM 7/31–9/4	9:30 PM 6/6–7/25 9 PM 8/1–9/5
Bridge Bay Evening Program (May 31 to September 7) Learn more about Yellowstone at this illustrated program. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center or look on local bulletin boards for program titles and descriptions. Meet at Bridge Bay Campground Amphitheater. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Accessible. 45 minutes.	9:30 PM 5/31–7/19 9 PM 7/26–9/6	9:30 PM 6/1–7/20 9 PM 7/27–9/7	9:30 PM 6/2–7/21 9 PM 7/28–9/1	9:30 PM 6/3–7/22 9 PM 7/29–9/2	9:30 PM 6/4–7/23 9 PM 7/30–9/3	9:30 PM 6/5–7/24 9 PM 7/31–9/4	9:30 PM 6/6–7/25 9 PM 8/1–9/5

Fishing Bridge Museum and Visitor Center
5/23–9/30 8 AM–7 PM

Call 307-344-2450

Grant Village and West Thumb

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Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 23 to September 7) Whether you're hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park's amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family. In this interactive demonstration, park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet on the back porch of the Grant Village Visitor Center . Accessible. 20 minutes .	9:30 AM 4:30 PM 5/24–9/6	9:30 AM 4:30 PM 5/25–9/7	9:30 AM 4:30 PM 5/26–9/1	9:30 AM 4:30 PM 5/27–9/2	9:30 AM 4:30 PM 5/28–9/3	9:30 AM 4:30 PM 5/29–9/4	9:30 AM 4:30 PM 5/23–9/5
Scenic Lake Overlook (June 7 to September 7) Ascend through meadows, forests, and past thermal features to reach a picturesque view of Yellowstone Lake surrounded by the Absaroka Mountains. Meet at the Lake Overlook Trailhead in the West Thumb Geyser Basin parking lot . Moderately difficult hike. 2 miles. 2 hours .	9:30 AM 6/7–9/6	9:30 AM 6/8–9/7	9:30 AM 6/9–9/1	9:30 AM 6/10–9/2	9:30 AM 6/11–9/3	9:30 AM 6/12–9/4	9:30 AM 6/13–9/5
Hot Water Wilderness (May 23 to September 7) Take a guided walk along the beautiful shores of Yellowstone Lake while exploring the origins of glittering geysers, belching mud pots, and emerald hot springs in West Thumb's dynamic geyser basin. Meet at the West Thumb Visitor Information Station . Roundtrip distance is ½ mile. Easy. Accessible with assistance. 1½ hours .	10:30 AM 3 PM 5/24–9/6	10:30 AM 3 PM 5/25–9/7	10:30 AM 3 PM 5/26–9/1	10:30 AM 3 PM 5/27–9/2	10:30 AM 3 PM 5/28–9/3	10:30 AM 3 PM 5/29–9/4	10:30 AM 3 PM 5/23–9/5
Junior Ranger Discovery Program (June 14 to August 29) Get ready to investigate and discover the many curiosities of Yellowstone during this interactive program geared towards kids of Junior Ranger age (5 to 12 years old). Meet at the Grant Village Pavilion, located behind the Visitor Center along the edge of the Lake. Accessible. 30 minutes .	11:30 AM 6/14–8/23	11:30 AM 6/15–8/24	11:30 AM 6/16–8/25	11:30 AM 6/17–8/26	11:30 AM 6/18–8/27	11:30 AM 6/19–8/28	11:30 AM 6/20–8/29
Gazing into the Abyss (May 23 to September 7) With a park ranger, look deep into beautiful Abyss Hot Spring and discover the secrets it holds. Meet at Abyss Hot Spring located in the West Thumb Geyser Basin , ¼ mile from the start of the boardwalk. Easy. Accessible with assistance. 10 minutes .	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 5/24–9/6	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 5/25–9/7	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 5/26–9/1	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 5/27–9/2	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 5/28–9/3	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 5/29–9/4	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 5/23–9/5
Wildlife Wonders (May 23 to September 7) Are you wondering about the best wildlife viewing areas or perhaps how Yellowstone's fauna have persisted through time? Then relax in the shade as a ranger reveals the secrets of Yellowstone's wildlife. Meet on the back porch of the Grant Village Visitor Center . Accessible. 30 minutes .	2:30 PM 5/24–9/6	2:30 PM 5/25–9/7	2:30 PM 5/26–9/1	2:30 PM 5/27–9/2	2:30 PM 5/28–9/3	2:30 PM 5/29–9/4	2:30 PM 5/23–9/5
Ranger Rendezvous (May 23 to September 7) This early evening program is designed for the young and young at heart. Learn more about Yellowstone's diverse geology, history, or wildlife riches. Daily programs are posted at the Grant Visitor Center. Meet at the Grant Village Amphitheater . Accessible. 30 minutes .	7:30 PM 5/24–9/6	7:30 PM 5/25–9/7	7:30 PM 5/26–9/1	7:30 PM 5/27–9/2	7:30 PM 5/28–9/3	7:30 PM 5/29–9/4	7:30 PM 5/23–9/5
Grant Village Evening Program (June 21 to September 7) Join a park ranger for this illustrated presentation focusing on Yellowstone's natural or cultural wonders. Check locally for program topics. Meet at the Grant Village Amphitheater . Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Accessible. 45 minutes .	9:30 PM 6/21–7/19 9 PM 7/26–9/6	9:30 PM 6/22–7/20 9 PM 7/27–9/7	9:30 PM 6/23–7/21 9 PM 7/28–9/1	9:30 PM 6/24–7/22 9 PM 7/29–9/2	9:30 PM 6/25–7/23 9 PM 7/30–9/3	9:30 PM 6/26–7/24 9 PM 7/31–9/4	9:30 PM 6/27–7/25 9 PM 8/1–9/5

Grant Visitor Center
5/23–9/30 8 AM–7 PM

Call 307-344-2650

West Thumb Information Station
5/23–9/30 9 AM–5 PM

Call 307-344-2650

Madison Information Station
5/23–9/30 9 AM–6 PM

Call 307-344-2821

Junior Ranger Station
5/23–9/7 9 AM–6 PM

West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center
Inside the Chamber of Commerce building.

5/1–5/21 8 AM–6 PM
5/22–9/30 8 AM–8 PM

NPS Desk
4/17–5/22 8 AM–4 PM
5/23–9/7 8 AM–8 PM
9/8–11/1 8 AM–4 PM

Call 307-344-2876



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TTY 307-344-2386



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Madison

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 23 to September 7) Whether you're hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park's amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family. In this interactive demonstration, park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet at the Madison Junior Ranger Station . Accessible. 20 minutes .	9 AM 3 PM 5/24–9/6	9 AM 3 PM 5/25–9/7	9 AM 3 PM 5/26–9/1	9 AM 3 PM 5/27–9/2	9 AM 3 PM 5/28–9/3	9 AM 3 PM 5/29–9/4	9 AM 3 PM 5/23–9/5
Harlequin Lake Walk (June 8 to August 17) Join a ranger for a moderately easy 1½-mile round trip hike to Harlequin Lake that will introduce you to a beautiful and secluded home for water-fowl and beaver. Meet at the third pullout, 1.5 miles west of Madison Junction on the west entrance road, opposite the Harlequin Lake Trailhead . Bring water, raingear, good hiking shoes, and a snack. 2 hours .		10 AM 6/8–8/17					
Junior Ranger Station Activities (May 23 to September 7) Learn about Yellowstone's wonderful wildlife, geysers, history and much more! This is a great opportunity to complete the ranger-led activity re-quired to earn your Junior Ranger patch. These family programs are geared towards kids of Junior Ranger age (5–12). Meet at the Junior Ranger Station at Madison Junction . Accessible with assistance. 30 minutes .	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 4 PM, 4:30 PM 5/24–9/6	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 4 PM, 4:30 PM 5/25–9/7	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 4 PM, 4:30 PM 5/26–9/1	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 4 PM, 4:30 PM 5/27–9/2	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 4 PM, 4:30 PM 5/28–9/3	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 4 PM, 4:30 PM 5/29–9/4	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 4 PM, 4:30 PM 5/23–9/5
Madison Evening Program (May 24 to September 7) Each night a park ranger will present an illustrated program highlighting a different aspect of Yellowstone's wonders. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at the Madison Information Station for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Madison Amphitheater . Accessible. 45 minutes .	9:30 PM 5/24–7/19 9 PM 7/26–9/6	9:30 PM 5/25–7/20 9 PM 7/27–9/7	9:30 PM 5/26–7/21 9 PM 7/28–9/1	9:30 PM 5/27–7/22 9 PM 7/29–9/2	9:30 PM 5/28–7/23 9 PM 7/30–9/3	9:30 PM 5/29–7/24 9 PM 7/31–9/4	9:30 PM 5/30–7/25 9 PM 8/1–9/5

West Yellowstone

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 23 to September 7) Whether you're hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just en-joying the park's amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family. In this interactive demonstration, park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center in West Yellowstone (corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street). Accessible. 20 minutes .	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/24–9/6	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/25–9/7	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/26–9/1	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/27–9/2	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/28–9/3	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/29–9/4	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/23–9/5
Explore Yellowstone! (May 23 to September 7) Would you like ideas on how to spend your time in Yellowstone? Meet a park ranger at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center in West Yellowstone (corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street) for a talk about what to see and do in the park. Accessible. 20–30 minutes .	9:30 AM 5/24–9/6	9:30 AM 5/25–9/7	9:30 AM 5/26–9/1	9:30 AM 5/27–9/2	9:30 AM 5/28–9/3	9:30 AM 5/29–9/4	9:30 AM 5/23–9/5
Afternoon Talk (May 23 to September 7) Each afternoon, a ranger will present a talk on a captivat-ing aspect of Yellowstone's natural or cultural history in West Yellowstone, Montana. The Yellowstone Historic Center Museum is located at the corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street. The Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center is located at 201 South Canyon Street. Talks are free and open to the public. There is a fee if you choose to visit the rest of the Yellowstone Historic Center or the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center. Accessible. 30 minutes .	Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 2 PM 5/24–9/6	Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 2 PM 5/25–9/7	Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 2 PM 5/26–9/1	Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 2 PM 5/27–9/2	Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 2 PM 5/28–9/3	Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 2 PM 5/29–9/4	Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 2 PM 5/23–9/5
Evening Program (June 2 to August 28) Join a park ranger for an illustrated program highlighting a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone's wonders. Meet at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center in West Yellowstone (corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street). Accessible. 45 minutes .			7 PM 6/2–8/25			7 PM 6/5–8/28	

Mammoth Hot Springs

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Hot Springs Terraces Walk (May 31 to September 7) Explore Yellowstone’s powerful geologic past and present while meandering around the Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces. Learn how these dynamic travertine formations are unique among the park’s thermal features. Meet at the entrance to the Upper Terrace Drive , two miles south of Mammoth Village. 1½ hours.	9 AM 5/31–9/6	9 AM 6/1–9/7	9 AM 6/2–9/1	9 AM 6/3–9/2	9 AM 6/4–9/3	9 AM 6/5–9/4	9 AM 6/6–9/5
Wraith Falls Hike (June 16 to August 12) Experience the diversity of Yellowstone's norther range as you hike through open sagebrush and forest to the foot of Wraith Falls on Lupine Creek. This is an easy 1 mile ranger–led hike. Meet at the Wraith Falls trailhead , 5 miles east of Mammoth Hot Springs. 1–1½ hours.			9 AM 6/16–8/11	9 AM 6/17–8/12			
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Tales of the Travertine (June 7 to August 15) The travertine terraces at Mammoth Hot Springs are one of Yellowstone’s most unusual, beautiful, and misunderstood hydrothermal features. Come learn how powerful yet subtle forces constantly create and change these formations. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center . Accessible. 20 minutes.	2 PM 6/7–8/9	2 PM 6/8–8/10	2 PM 6/9–8/11	2 PM 6/10–8/12	2 PM 6/11–8/13	2 PM 6/12–8/14	2 PM 6/13–8/15
Wonders of Yellowstone (May 23 to September 7) Yellowstone is full of wonders such as mountains and canyons, wildlife, history, and beauty. A ranger will share insights into one fascinating aspect of this magical place. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center . Accessible. 20 minutes.	3 PM 5/24–9/6	3 PM 5/25–9/7	3 PM 5/26–9/1	3 PM 5/27–9/2	3 PM 5/28–9/3	3 PM 5/29–9/4	3 PM 5/23–9/5
Calling in the Cavalry Walk (June 7 to September 7) In its early days, Yellowstone National Park was protected by the U. S. Army. Join a ranger on this short, relaxed walk around Fort Yellowstone to learn about important historic park events and to discover the role the military played in protecting Yellowstone. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center . Accessible. 1 hour.	6 PM 6/7–9/6	6 PM 6/8–9/7	6 PM 6/9–9/1	6 PM 6/10–9/2	6 PM 6/11–9/3	6 PM 6/12– 9/4	6 PM 6/13–9/5
Mammoth Evening Program (June 7 to September 7) Enjoy an illustrated program about Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at Albright Visitor Center for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Mammoth Campground Amphitheater . Accessible. 45 minutes.	9:30 PM 6/7–7/19 9 PM 7/26–9/6	9:30 PM 6/8–7/20 9 PM 7/27–9/7	9:30 PM 6/9–7/21 9 PM 7/28–9/1	9:30 PM 6/10–7/22 9 PM 7/29– 9/2	9:30 PM 6/11–7/23 9 PM 7/30–9/3	9:30 PM 6/12–7/24 9 PM 7/31–9/4	9:30 PM 6/13–7/25 9 PM 8/1–9/5
Indian Creek Evening Program (June 18 to September 3) Join a wildlife education ranger in a beautiful wooded setting for a stimulating program about bears, wolves, or other species of Yellowstone’s diverse wildlife. Inquire locally on bulletin boards for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Indian Creek Campground campfire circle . 45 minutes.					7:30 PM 6/18–9/3		
Tower Evening Program (June 8–September 7) Join a wildlife education ranger for an in-depth look into some of the Yellowstone ecosystem’s wildest inhabitants. Inquire locally on bulletin boards for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Tower Fall Campground Amphitheater . 45 minutes.		8 PM 6/8–9/7			8 PM 6/18–8/6		

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**Norris Geyser Basin Museum
and Information Station**
5/23–9/30 9 AM–6 PM

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Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Windows Into Yellowstone Walk (May 31 to September 7) Experience the muddy caldrons, acid geysers and clear pools of Norris Geyser Basin. Join a park ranger for a walk through this magical land and learn about the park’s geologic past, present, and future. Meet at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum . Bring water, sunglasses, and sunscreen. 1½ hours .	9:30 AM 5/31–9/6	9:30 AM 6/1–9/7	9:30 AM 6/2–9/1	9:30 AM 6/3–9/2	9:30 AM 6/4–9/3	9:30 AM 6/5–9/4	9:30 AM 6/6–9/5
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World’s Tallest (May 23 to September 7) Explore the rare and fascinating world of geysers at the world’s tallest active geyser! Meet at Steamboat Geyser , a 15–minute walk from the Norris Geyser Basin parking lot. In rainy weather, the talk will be held at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum. Check with ranger at information desk. 20 minutes .	2 PM 3 PM 5/24–9/6	2 PM 3 PM 5/25–9/7	2 PM 3 PM 5/26–9/1	2 PM 3 PM 5/27–9/2	2 PM 3 PM 5/28–9/3	2 PM 3 PM 5/29–9/4	2 PM 3 PM 5/23–9/5
Wild Yellowstone (June 7 to September 7) A park ranger will share insights into a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone National Park’s wilderness. Meet at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum . 20 minutes .	4 PM 6/7–9/6	4 PM 6/8–9/7	4 PM 6/9–9/1	4 PM 6/10–9/2	4 PM 6/11–9/3	4 PM 6/12–9/4	4 PM 6/13–9/5
Norris Campfire Program (June 7 to September 7) Bring the whole family and join a park ranger for an old–fashioned, cozy campfire talk. Inquire locally for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Norris Campground campfire circle . Accessible. 45 minutes .	7:30 PM 6/7–9/6	7:30 PM 6/8–9/7	7:30 PM 6/9–9/1	7:30 PM 6/10–9/2	7:30 PM 6/11–9/3	7:30 PM 6/12–9/4	7:30 PM 6/13–9/5

Get kids outdoors for better health

Junior Ranger

If you are age 4 or older, you can become a Yellowstone Junior Ranger. Stop by any visitor center to purchase a new Junior Ranger activity booklet for \$3. To earn your official Yellowstone Junior Ranger patch, you need to:

- Hike on a park trail or boardwalk.
- Complete the age-appropriate activities on geothermal geology, park wildlife, and fire ecology.
- Attend a ranger-led activity—such as a talk, guided walk, or evening campfire program—and get the ranger’s signature.

Both children and adults benefit by learning more about the natural wonders of the park and sharing the fun of becoming a Junior Ranger.



Let's Move Outside

Regular exercise in nature is proven to improve children’s physical and mental health. Outdoor activity helps kids maintain a healthy weight, boosts their immunity and bone health and lowers stress. Get active in Yellowstone by hiking along park trails or boardwalks, taking a guided walk with a ranger, or participating in the Yellowstone Wildlife Olympics. Afterwards, you can pick up a "Let’s Move Outside" sticker or temporary tattoo from a park ranger at a visitor center.



Take part in First Lady Michelle Obama’s campaign to get kids and families to take advantage of America’s great outdoors—for better health and to connect with the natural world.

Young Scientist

If you are age 5 or older, you can become a Yellowstone Young Scientist. Purchase a self–guiding booklet for \$5 at the Canyon Visitor Education Center (ages 10 and up) or Old Faithful Visitor Education Center (ages 5 and up). If you are investigating in the Old Faithful area, check out a Young Scientist Toolkit for the gear you need. When you have finished the investigation, you will be awarded a Young Scientist patch or key chain.



Old Faithful

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Geyser Hill Walk (May 23 to September 7) Geyser Hill is at the heart of the world’s greatest concentration of geysers. Explore this special corner of the park and learn about the relationship between Yellowstone’s volcanic history and hydrothermal features on this 1¼-mile walk. Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center . Moderately strenuous. 1½ hours .	8:30 AM 5/24–9/6	8:30 AM 5/25–9/7	8:30 AM 5/26–9/1	8:30 AM 5/27–9/2	8:30 AM 5/28–9/3	8:30 AM 5/29–9/4	8:30 AM 5/23–9/5
Mystic Falls Walk (June 7 to September 7) Explore a special part of the Yellowstone Ecosystem while enjoying this 2½-mile walk through Biscuit Basin to Mystic Falls. Meet at the Firehole River Bridge adjacent to the Biscuit Basin parking lot , 2 miles north of Old Faithful. Moderately strenuous. 1½ hours .	9 AM 6/7–9/6	9 AM 6/8–9/7	9 AM 6/9–9/1	9 AM 6/10–9/2	9 AM 6/11–9/3	9 AM 6/12–9/4	9 AM 6/13–9/5
Stroll around Old Faithful (May 31 to September 7) Take an easy ¾-mile walk with a ranger around Old Faithful Geyser. View dramatic hot springs and geysers while gaining insight into Yellowstone’s dynamic geology. Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center . 45 minutes .	9:30 AM 5/31–9/6	9:30 AM 6/1–9/7	9:30 AM 6/2–9/1	9:30 AM 6/3–9/2	9:30 AM 6/4–9/3	9:30 AM 6/5–9/4	9:30 AM 6/6–9/5
Yellowstone for Kids (May 23 to September 7) Kids will discover some of the wonders of Yellowstone during this short, interactive presentation. Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center for this outdoor program. Accessible. 20 minutes .	10 AM 5 PM 5/24–9/6	10 AM 5 PM 5/25–9/7	10 AM 5 PM 5/26–9/1	10 AM 5 PM 5/27–9/2	10 AM 5 PM 5/28–9/3	10 AM 5 PM 5/29–9/4	10 AM 5 PM 5/23–9/5
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 23 to September 7) Whether you’re hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family. In this interactive demonstration, park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center . Accessible. 20 minutes .	11 AM 4 PM 5/24–9/6	11 AM 4 PM 5/25–9/7	11 AM 4 PM 5/26–9/1	11 AM 4 PM 5/27–9/2	11 AM 4 PM 5/28–9/3	11 AM 4 PM 5/29–9/4	11 AM 4 PM 5/23–9/5
Wildlife Olympics for Kids (June 9 to August 25) Test your skills and compare your abilities to animals in Yellowstone. How far can you jump? How well can you see and smell? Take part any-time between noon and 3 PM near the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center . Stay for as little or as long as your plans allow.			12 PM to 3 PM 6/9–8/25				
Geysers Galore! (May 23 to September 7) Take a quick peek at Yellowstone’s fascinating geysers and visible geologic story. Meet a park ranger at the benches in front of Old Faithful near the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center . Accessible. 10 minutes .	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 3:15 PM 3:45 PM 5/24–9/6	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 3:15 PM 3:45 PM 5/25–9/7	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 3:15 PM 3:45 PM 5/26–9/1	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 3:15 PM 3:45 PM 5/27–9/2	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 3:15 PM 3:45 PM 5/28–9/3	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 3:15 PM 3:45 PM 5/29–9/4	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 3:15 PM 3:45 PM 5/23–9/5
Black Sand Walk (May 31 to September 7) Discover a lesser-known gem! As you stroll through one of Yellowstone’s most striking hydrothermal areas, you’ll learn about volcanic geology and the unique history of Black Sand Basin on this ½ mile walk. Meet at Black Sand Basin parking lot , one mile north of Old Faithful. 1 hour .	1 PM 5/31–9/6	1 PM 6/1–9/7	1 PM 6/2–9/1	1 PM 6/3–9/2	1 PM 6/4–9/3	1 PM 6/5–9/4	1 PM 6/6–9/5
Geyser Discovery Stroll (May 23 to September 7) Learn about one of the rarest geological features on earth—geysers! Accompany a ranger through the Upper Geyser Basin exploring the world of geysers. Meet at Castle Geyser , ½ mile west of Old Faithful (15-minute walk from the Visitor Education Center). 1½ hours .	4:30 PM 5/24–9/6	4:30 PM 5/25–9/7	4:30 PM 5/26–9/1	4:30 PM 5/27–9/2	4:30 PM 5/28–9/3	4:30 PM 5/29–9/4	4:30 PM 5/23–9/5
Old Faithful Evening Program (May 23 to September 7) Each evening a different aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders will be featured during this 45-minute illustrated program in the theater of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center. Check at the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center for program titles and descriptions. Accessible. 45 minutes .	7 PM 5/24–9/6	7 PM 5/25–9/7	7 PM 5/26–9/1	7 PM 5/27–9/2	7 PM 5/28–9/3	7 PM 5/29–9/4	7 PM 5/23–9/5

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